MR. VARUGHESE ITHAC: May I know from the honourable member whether he will kindly explain the last part of the answer 'Steps are also being taken to find out other sources of supply.'?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have actually inspected one or two sites and given instructions for investigating others.

Vallams.

337. *MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of vallams plying in the canals and lakes of the State in the following categories:

(i) vallams of 8 tonnage and above;
(ii) vallams of 5 tonnage and above up to 8 tons;
(iii) vallams of 8 tonnage and above that ply in the lakes and canals between Quilon and Cochin; and
(iv) vallams of 5 tonnage up to 8 tonnage that ply in the lakes and canals between Quilon and Cochin?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(i) 3045
(ii) 2142
(iii) and (iv) Information is not available.

General Hospital.

338. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is Plastic Section in the General Hospital;
(*b*) whether there are proper stretchers in the General Hospital; and
(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the diet given to the patients in the General Hospital is unsatisfactory?

DR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon General*): (*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Government are not aware.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: May I know whether the Government have felt the necessity?

DR. S. JOHN: May I know from the member what he means by 'Plastic Section'?

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI: It is not for me to explain if the honourable member does not know.

DR. S. JOHN: I would like to know what he means by 'Plastic Section.'

One member: On a point of order, Sir. Is the honourable member entitled to put questions to the other honourable member?

PRESIDENT: Undoubtedly. He cannot understand the question. Should he not know what the question is? The Surgeon General says he does not know what it means.

DR. S. JOHN: There is no such thing as Plastic medicine.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Is it the case of the member that there is no such word in the medical phraseology?

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DR. S. JOHN: There is what is called plastic surgery. If a man's ear is lost that will be replaced and so other organs like nose.

PRESIDENT: In all surgery cases, there might be need for using plasters. That is done everywhere, There is no particular plastic section.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the member be pleased to take it that the Plastic Section meant by Mr. Namboodiri is convenience or provision for plastic surgery?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not follow:

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he means...

DR. S. JOHN: He will kindly ask the member who put the question.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the member be pleased to state whether he refuses to answer the question?

DR. S. JOHN; He must ask in the proper way and then I will be able to answer.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: What is the rate per patient?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not quite follow.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Part (c) of the question is 'whether the Government are aware that the diet given to the patients in the General Hospital is unsatisfactory?' What is the allowance per day per patient?

DR. S. JOHN; It depends upon the condition of the patient. For example, a typhoid patient would require a certain quantity of milk. For a case of anaemia he may require some liver. So I cannot exactly say how much is required for each patient.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: What is the average?

DR. S. JOHN: It will come to about 8 annas per day.

Government Dispensary at Ambalapuzha.

339 *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the public of Ambalapuzha requesting for the provision of a suitable compound and building for the Government Dispensary at Ambalapuzha; and

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the representation?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is reported that in 1119 a committee elected by the local public collected a sum of Rs. 2,000 for providing a site and building for the dispensary and that no further progress has been made in the matter.

MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: ൨൦൦൦ രൂപാ ഗവണ്മെന്റിനെ ഏൽപ്പിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം ആ ഡിസ്പെൻസറിക്ക് ആവശ്യമുള്ള സൈറ്റും കെട്ടിടവും ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ കഴിയുമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

DR. S. JOHN: വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

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